Si-	Name of the Report Na	Product/Subject	Nstute of studies
6	Industrial Alcohol	Indl. Alcohol	Grcwih-orientcd price and policy study
7	Newsprint	Newsprint	Growth-oriented price & policy study
.8	Linear Alkyl Benzene	Linear Alkyl Benzene	Tariff Siudy
9	Styrens& Polystyrene	Styrene & Polystyrene	Tariff Study
10	Rifampicin	Rifampicin	Cosl-Price Study
11	Drug Pricjs Review Committee Reports (36 Reports)	Bulk Drugs Formubtion Pricing (16.14 Formulations)	Cos;-Price Study

Recession in Industry

1547. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of recession in various sectors of In dustry, during the last one year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the specific steps taken by Government to improve the situation; arid

(d) what results have been achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN 'THE" MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The recessionary trend is perceptible in the manufacturing sector including textiles, motor vehicles, consumer electronics, dnugs, etc. This recessionary trend could be attributed generally to a decline in demand resulting from high credit costs and increase in prices caused, *inter-alia,* by higher input cost, import restrictions imposed earlier because of foreign exchange constraints, etc. Measures announced in the Union Budget for 1992-93 such as reduction of duties, elimination of import licensing except for a small negative list, introduction of Liberalised Exchange Rate Management System, reduction in statutory liquidity ratio, reduction in interest rates, etc. alongwith a reduction in duty for automobiles, electronics and drugs are designed to restore normalcy in the industrial sector.

(d) On the basis of Index of Industrial Production received from Central Statistical Organisation, rate of growth in industrial production which was (—) 1 per cent in the first half of the financial year 1991-92 improved to (—) 0.5 per cent in the third quarter and (-J-) 1.6 per cent in the last quarter.

Setting up of industries in backward areas

1548. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the policy of Government regarding setting up of industries in the backward areas of the country;